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My dear Dr. Gray

Mr. Conly and I send our very warmest thanks to you and Mrs. Gray for your kindly sympathy. We really feel that it is a great misfortune that threatens us but I fear that I may have conveyed, in my note to Sargent, an impression that the trouble was somewhat worse than the facts warrant. The oculist tells me that he has but little hope of saving one eye but is going to keep Mrs. Conly in the dark, mostly, for two weeks more. If there is no improvement he will give it up and then the remaining eye - always weak - must be used with the greatest care.

lest it fail also.

Do you see that it is not and may not be total blindness though bad enough.

You add kind deeds, to kind words, and I am very grateful for your offer of the specimens. As I do not like to be away from home any longer than can be avoided I make the suggestion that they be sent here at my expense. I could quickly select what I might need - which perhaps would be few - and then forward to Phila. Acad. adding some of my own duplicates. But if this does not meet your views I will try to go to the Acad. to select.

Mr. Caudy writes with his affectionate regards to dear Mrs. Gray and yourself

Am. sincerely
Wm. M. Caudy